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Title: METHOD OF PROLIFERATING A MICROORGANISM CAPABLE
OF DEGRADING A HARD-TO-DEGRADE ORGANIC COMPOUND
AND METHOD OF DEGRADING A HARD-TO-DEGRADE
ORGANIC COMPOUND

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 46 pages, including 3 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings- 3 sheets of drawings containing 7 figures (Figures 1-7).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. ✓ Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA.
5. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2001-070857, filed March 13, 2001.
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO1449 with 3 documents attached.
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ \$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	20	-	20		x \$18	
Independent Claims	3	-	3		x \$84	
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. 2001-070857, filed March 13, 2001.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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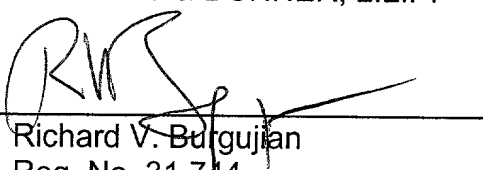
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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